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Comments:

This House Resolution caught Maui Police Department completely by surprise. We discovered this by daily purusing the proposed bills. Had I not done so, we would have never known that this was being proposed.

It is unfortunate, that no one took the time to contact Officials from Maui Police Department regarding the so called lack of "actions necessary to investigate and address all suspected illicit activity in North Kihei." Had you done so, you would have discovered just the opposite.

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Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 444
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: H.R. NO. 56, Urging Maui County to take all actions necessary to investigate and address an increase in suspected illicit activity in North Kihei

Dear Representative Mc Kelvey and Members:

The Maui Police Department takes pride in addressing the community concerns throughout the County of Maui. We respond to many different types of incidents involving criminal matters. We also respond to non-criminal type of calls for service and we do our best to resolve these types of incidents. We hold our officers accountable in the field and have our supervisors ensure that they are properly conducting investigations.

We have examined House Resolution No. 56 and are puzzled as to why this resolution is being brought up by your office. Enclosed is a 4-year analysis of the calls for service in the North Kihei area to include: illicit drugs, suspicious activity, abandoned/derelict vehicles, weapons violations, and motor vehicle accidents. If you refer to the analysis, we have responded to every single incident (complaint/call for service) in the North Kihei area, often times leaving the scene with documentation of an incident. If you look at the "specialized response," this means that the call was referred to a specialized unit in our department to investigate. These units often arrest, gather intelligence, or obtain search warrants to complete an objective and satisfy a complaint.

However, not all calls for service warrant a police report and therefore you can see that documentation is selective and often times depend if the officer discovered a crime had been committed. We strive to make the community a safe place and will respond to any and all calls for service, unless they are not a police matter. In those cases, the complaint is referred to the proper authority.

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We have spoken to our Kihei Community Police Officers and they have identified several areas of interest in the North Kihei area. These areas have and continue to be addressed in the form of documentation, arrests, search warrants, and community outreach. We do not turn a blind eye to any areas in Maui County.

We encourage anyone in the community to come forward with their complaints, and we will address them in a professional manner. More importantly, we will investigate and determine the correct course of action. To say that the Maui Police Department is not investigating crime in North Kihei is simply a false statement.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on House Resolution No. 56. We would be happy to provide more detailed information, if needed.

Sincerely,


TIVOLI S. FAAUMU
Chief of Police

Enclosure

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SELECT EVENTS FOR NORTH KIHEI	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Calls for Service for Drugs	69	125	102	24
Incidents	41	100	67	19
% calls resulting in documenting an offense	59%	80%	66%	79%
Charges	93	237	128	41
Specialized Response	9	7	10	3
Patrol Response	60	118	92	21

SELECT EVENTS FOR NORTH KIHEI	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Calls for Service for Suspicious Activity	438	534	484	98
Incidents	78	109	63	15
% calls resulting in documenting an offense	18%	20%	13%	15%
Specialized Response	0	0	4	2
Patrol Response	438	532	480	96

SELECT EVENTS FOR NORTH KIHEI	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Calls for Service for Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles	160	242	222	54
Incidents	174	228	186	34
% calls resulting in documenting an offense	92%	94%	84%	63%
Specialized Response	2	0	6	16
Patrol Response	158	242	216	38

SELECT EVENTS FOR NORTH KIHEI	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Calls for Service for Weapons Violations	2	10	4	0
Incidents	3	11	6	0
Charges	3	17	13	0
Specialized Response	0	0	0	0
Patrol Response	2	10	4	0

SELECT EVENTS FOR NORTH KIHEI	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Calls for Service for MVAs	506	504	532	148
Specialized Response	2	0	2	4
Patrol Response	504	504	534	144